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COMMUNITY FORUM TO BE HELD ON
CITY'S NEW CHILD PROTECTION ACT

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19th, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: City Hall, 202 C Street, 12th floor City Council Committee Room,
          Downtown San Diego

City Attorney Michael Aguirre is holding an educational community forum on the City's new Child Protection Act, which makes it unlawful for registered sex offenders to reside within 2000 feet of certain places where children regularly gather and makes it unlawful for registered sex offenders to be within 300 feet of those locations. The panel will be discussing related issues and the City Attorney's Office will be addressing the legal issues surrounding the ordinance. The City's Child Protection Act was passed by the San Diego City Council on March 11, 2008.

Panelists:

- Heather Dauler, Coordinator, San Diego Sex Offender Management Council;
- Denise Felix, Commander, San Diego SAFE Task Force, California Department of Justice;
- Laurie Fortin, LCSW, Clinical Director for the Forensic and Medical Services of Chadwick Center for Children & Families at Rady Children's Hospital;
- Phyllis Shess, Director Sex Offender Management, San Diego County District Attorney's Office;
- Sgt. Mark Sullivan, San Diego Police Department, Supervisor of the Sex Offender Registration Unit;
- San Diego Deputy City Attorney Michelle Garland, Head of the City Attorney's Screening & Arraignment Unit in the Criminal Division;
- San Diego Deputy City Attorney Mary Nuesca, Police Legal Advisors, City Attorney's Civil Division; and
- San Diego Deputy City Attorney Shelley Webb, Head of the City Attorney's Domestic Violence & Special Victim's Unit in the Criminal Division

The educational community forum is free and open to the public. <u>City TV 24 will be broadcasting live the community forum for those members of the public who are unable to attend and reairing at 7 p.m.</u>
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